

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Masami Ogata *et al.*
 Appl. No. : 09/434,565
 Filed : November 12, 1999
 Title : Image Processing Apparatus and Image Processing Method
 Art Unit : 2624
 Examiner : Wenpeng Chen

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 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

| (1) | (2) Claims remaining after amendment | (3) | (4) Highest number previously paid for | (5) Present extra | (6) Rate | (7) Additional Fee |
|---|--|-------|--|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Total claims | 112 | Minus | ** =116 | * x | \$18 (9) | = \$00.00 |
| Independent claims | 8 | Minus | *** = 8 | * x | \$86 (43) | = \$00.00 |
| Total additional fee for this amendment | | | | | | \$00.00 |

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$ has been previously paid , or is paid herewith
 This response is being filed within the ___ month period following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a ___ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
 A check in the amount of \$.00 is attached, which covers the cost of additional claims ___ petition for extension of time.
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Respectfully submitted,

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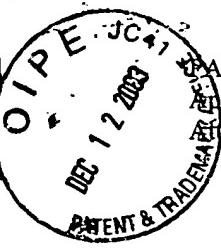
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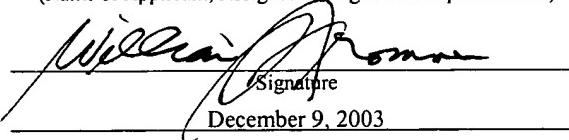
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RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of November 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 31.